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Applicant : Siemens Milltronics Process Instruments Inc.
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To: The Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
The U.S. Department of Commerce,
Patent Office,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A., 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Report of November 19, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment of the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

An appendix including an abstract on a separate sheet is attached following page 7 of this paper.